

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would obviously ask for a ruling on germaneness. 271, Mr. Speaker, is another gnat. Here we go with the elephant on the gnat proposition again and it is a little gnat that changes the Supreme Court revolving fund or the Supreme Court method of paying for court reports, that is the published decisions of the court. Instead of saying the money goes through the general fund, we are setting up a revolving fund and it really doesn't have anything to do with the amount of any fee. All it is doing is changing from sending money to the general fund to sending money into a revolving fund, went through the Appropriations Committee without any dissent or questions. So that is what the bill is all about and, obviously, what Senator Chambers is talking about goes to the amount of fees. It goes to the amount of fees in many different courts. It doesn't relate to the details of the subject matter of this bill. It is a substantially different purpose both of which would indicate that it is a violation of our germaneness rule and, therefore, Mr. Speaker, I would ask that it be ruled not germane.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I am going to rule it not germane. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, this time I must make a motion to overrule the Chair and I will tell you why. Part of that germaneness rule really makes no sense when it talks about achieving a purpose substantially different to that of the introducer. What could be more different than from the intent of the introducer than to strike the enacting clause but when you attempt to do that you return the bill to Select File for specific amendment which is to strike the enacting clause and that takes a bill from being into non-being, the exact opposite. So that particular provision of the germaneness rule really can mean anything or may mean nothing. In this instance I do believe that the proposition I am offering is relative and relevant to the section of statute that is being dealt with in LB 271. I recognize that everybody is tired especially of hearing my arguments, but because this is one that I believe in, I have got to at least make a determined effort which is reasonable and will remain within reason, Senator Hannibal, who has the hawk-eye on me right now, a piercing, penetrating, critical, scrutinizing hawk-eye, I might add, two of them. This proposition in 271, as Senator Beutler correctly stated, instead of putting money for the sale of these books into the general fund will put them into a Supreme Court revolving fund. It